

# Writing an Artist Statement

An artist statement is an opportunity for you as a traditional artist to share more information about your work. There is no one way to do this, and what and how much you decide to communicate is completely up to you. It is important to remember the audience you are communicating with, and the venue your statement will be read in. Many artists will develop different statements over time that might serve different purposes. You might have a multi-page statement for a solo exhibit, a short paragraph for a demonstration table at a fair, or two sentences included in a group exhibit catalog. Your statement also can share information about you as an educator, cultural presenter, or demonstrator. Ultimately your artwork will speak for itself, so try to provide insightful information, but leave room for personal interpretation. Share your statement with someone you trust and ask for feedback on what is clearly being communicated. Here are some questions for you to think about when deciding what to include in your statement:

